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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ

1. DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN SECRETARY SHULTZ AND MINISTER PATOLICHEV ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING FORMAL 1973 MEETING OF US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION IN MOSCOW DURING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROPOSE TO MINISTER ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY THAT MEETING BEGIN ON MORNING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 1. DISCUSSIONS COULD CONTINUE ON TUESDAY, AND, IF NECESSARY ON MORNING OF WEDNESDAY. SECRETARY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED, AMONG OTHERS, BY SECRETARY DENT, AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AND SEVERAL WIVES. TOTAL PARTY INCLUDING SECRET SERVICE EXPECTED TO APPROXIMATE 20 TO 25.

2. SECRETARY SHULTZ AND MOST OF PARTY WILL BE PROCEEDING TO MOSCOW FROM ANNUAL IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS IN NAIROBI BY WAY OF TEHERAN IN MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT VC137 LEAVING NAIROBI EARLY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. IF ACCEPTABLE

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TO SOVIETS, SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FLYING ON

FRIDAY TO SOME AIRPORT IN BLACK SEA AREA, SPENDING SATURDAY
AND MOST OF SUNDAY IN RELAXATION AND IN PREPARATION FOR
MOSCOW MEETINGS, AND THEN FLYING TO MOSCOW LATE ON SUNDAY.
ESCORT OFFICERS, IF REQUIRED, COULD BE PICKED UP IN TEHERAN.
(FYI: CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF AIR FORCE IS THAT ONLY

AIRPORT NEAR BLACK SEA CAPABLE OF HANDLING VC137 IS AT
SEVASTOPOL. END FYI) ALSO IF AGREEABLE TO SOVIETS,
SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEAVING MOSCOW BY MIDDAY
ON WEDNESDAY, FLYING TO LENINGRAD, SPENDING ONE NIGHT THERE,
AND THEN LEAVING FOR WESTERN EUROPE ON THURSDAY.

3. DETAILS ON MEMBERSHIP IN PARTY AND SUGGESTIONS FOR
AGENDA OF COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED LATER.

4. FYI: IT WILL BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE NEW COMMERCIAL
OFFICE IN CONDITION FOR DEDICATION WHILE SECRETARY SHULTZ
IS IN MOSCOW. EMBASSY MAY WISH USE THIS POSSIBILITY AS
LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN EARLY REPLY TO CHARGE'S LETTER TO
UPDK. END FYI.
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